



# NEWS RELEASE

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### Caltrans Projects Begin Winter Suspension

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 announces the beginning of winter suspension. Various projects throughout the district are in the final stages of completion or are preparing for temporary suspension of construction until next spring. Projects throughout District 2, which includes the counties of Lassen, Modoc, Tehama, Trinity, Plumas, Siskiyou and Shasta, are wrapping up in anticipation of winter weather conditions.

Several major projects, including the North Market Street project in Redding on State Route (SR) 273 are putting the final touches on construction. Crews are completing permanent striping and doing "clean-up" on this \$10.8 million project. The project included such features as new pedestrian and bicycle access, rehabilitation of the pavement from the connection of Interstate 5 and SR 273 to Quartz Hill Road, installation of decorative lighting, signal upgrades and much more. The City of Redding will complete landscaping during the next construction season.

In Plumas County the multi-year project to rehabilitate the bridges on SR 70 in the Feather River Canyon is near completion. All restrictions have been lifted and the work is complete on all bridges, except the Pulga Bridge, which will be repainted in the spring.

Motorists will see preliminary work on many projects that will then be suspended until the spring months. An example is the clearing and pre-construction work being done on Interstate 5 in Tehama County in anticipation of construction of an additional lane, or "truck climbing lane" at two locations. Many contracts that were awarded this fall and have started immediately. Work will continue until weather conditions prohibit otherwise.

Winter suspension customarily begins in December, but work will continue as long as the weather stays clear. The construction season will begin again in the spring, as early as April, weather permitting.

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